

**ALFOODACT**  
**or Food Advisory:**  
**REGION:**  
**UNIT:**  
**Comments:**

**DSCP Vendor Recall 004-2003- FSIS Recall #011-2003: Ground Beef, E. coli O157:H7**  
**ALL**  
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Consider this message a "Heads Up" notice. At this time we cannot exclude the DOD as a customer of products associated with subject recall. We are currently investigating to determine the extent and location of product under recall. If, during our investigation we find that the product is in our DOD supply channels, we will issue an ALFOODACT accordingly. FYI, I've pasted a copy of the Recall Notification Report below:

Respectfully,

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RECALL NOTIFICATION REPORT  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

**PRODUCTS RECALLED:** Ground beef products

**PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:** Produced on January 24, 2003. The products subject to recall are 1 to 3 lb. trays of:

- \* "Kroger, BEEF GROUND, GROUND SIRLOIN PATTIES."
- \* "Kroger, BEEF GROUND, GROUND ROUND PATTIES."
- \* "Kroger, BEEF GROUND, GROUND CHUCK PATTIES."
- \* "Kroger, BEEF GROUND, GROUND CHUCK PATTIES."
- \* "Kroger, BEEF GROUND, GROUND BEEF PATTIES."
- \* "Kroger, KROGER BETTER CHOICE LEAN BEEF."
- \* "Kroger, LEAN GROUND BEEF, 91/09."
- \* "Kroger, GROUND BEEF CHUCK, 80/20."
- \* "Meijer, GROUND BEEF CHUCK."

Each of these products bear the establishment number "EST. 20983" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

**PROBLEM/REASON FOR RECALL:** The product may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7.

**HOW/WHEN DISCOVERED:** The State of Ohio collected and analyzed a product sample in response to illnesses in the state. The recalled product has not been linked to the illnesses there at this time.

**FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT:** 20983  
Green Bay Dressed Beef  
3840 E. Kemper Road  
Sharonville, OH 45241

**CONSUMER CONTACT:** Sally VandeHei, 800-829-2838

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Jim Mulhern, 202-496-2468

**QUANTITY RECALLED:** Approximately 106,000 pounds

**DISTRIBUTION:** Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

**RECALL CLASSIFICATION:** Class I

**RECALL NOTIFICATION LEVEL:** Consumer

**PRESS RELEASE:** Yes

**DIRECT NOTIFICATION MEANS:** The firm has notified its customers orally and will follow-up in writing.

**FSIS FOLLOWUP ACTIVITIES:** Effectiveness checks by the FSIS, Field Operations.

**OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED:** State of Ohio

**FSIS CONTACTS:**

FSIS Recall Coordinator: (630) 620-7474

Consumer Inquiries: 1-800-535-4555

Media Inquiries: 202-720-9113

Congressional Inquiries: 202-720-3897

Recall Management: 202-690-6389

**Web site:** [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/recalls/rec\\_intr.htm](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/recalls/rec_intr.htm)

**DATE OF RECALL MEETING:** March 11, 2003

**RECALL CASE NUMBER:** 011-2003